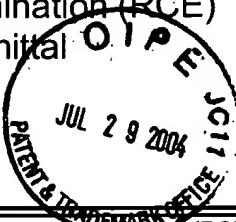


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<i>Application Number</i>	09/824,936
<i>Filing Date</i>	April 3, 2001
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	J. Schmitt
<i>Art Unit</i>	1763
<i>Examiner Name</i>	A.M. Crowell
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	H37-091 DIV

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a.  Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

- i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_

ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

- b.  Enclosed

i.  Amendment/Reply      iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii.  Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)      iv.  Other

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)  
b.  Other

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Fees

- 3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to  
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Name (Print/Type) Peter C. Michalos, Esq. Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 28,643  
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**EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests, under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a three(3) month extension of time within which to respond to the outstanding Final Action dated January 29, 2004;

that is, up to and including July 29, 2004. A check including the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed to cover the official fee, as required by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3).

The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 14-1431 for any additional fees which may be due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17.

In response to the Final Action dated January 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application, as follows: